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IMMEDIATE RELEASEAIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.3% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 21 — Airline passenger traffic rose by 5.3 percent in October, compared with October a year ago, and was up 4.0 percent for the first 10 months of the year, the Air Transport Association said today.

Domestic passenger traffic in October increased by 5.7 percent. Available seat miles were up 6.2 percent, and load factor decreased to 56.9 percent from 57.1 percent.

U.S. international traffic registered a gain of 3.5 percent in October. Available seat miles were up 5.5 percent. The load factor was 64.3 percent, down from 65.5 percent for the same month a year earlier.

For the first 10 months of 1984, domestic traffic rose 2.9 percent. Available seat miles were up 8.0 percent. The load factor was 57.5 percent, down from 60.4 percent for the first 10 months of last year.

International traffic during the first 10 months rose 9.4 percent. Available seat miles increased 6.9 percent. The load factor was 66.3 percent, up from 64.8 percent a year earlier.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1984 - 1983

		OCTOBER					YEAR TO DATE				
		RPM'S (000)	PCT	ASM'S (000)	PCT	LOAD FACTOR	RPM'S (000)	PCT	ASM'S (000)	PCT	LOAD FACTOR
DOMESTIC	YEAR										
MAJORS	84	15,546,872	4.5	26,970,016	4.0	57.6	155,795,122	1.0	269,281,571	6.1	57.9
	83	14,879,790		25,937,719		57.4	154,212,443		253,918,576		60.7
NATIONALS	84	1,998,058	16.6	3,870,741	24.3	51.6	20,261,552	19.7	37,008,893	25.1	54.7
	83	1,714,097		3,112,784		55.1	16,920,135		29,587,350		57.2
TOTAL	84	17,544,930	5.7	30,840,757	6.2	56.9	176,056,674	2.9	306,290,464	8.0	57.5
	83	16,593,887		29,050,503		57.1	171,132,578		283,505,926		60.4
INTERNATIONAL											
MAJORS	84	3,933,754	3.4	6,110,515	5.1	64.4	38,702,189	9.8	58,332,198	6.8	66.3
	83	3,802,829		5,814,366		65.4	35,243,246		54,593,049		64.6
NATIONALS	84	41,879	5.0	75,999	51.3	55.1	615,664	-10.1	926,951	11.2	66.4
	83	39,866		50,232		79.4	684,745		833,418		82.2
TOTAL	84	3,975,633	3.5	6,186,514	5.5	64.3	39,317,853	9.4	59,259,149	6.9	66.3
	83	3,842,695		5,864,598		65.5	35,927,991		55,426,467		64.8
SYSTEM TOTAL											
MAJORS	84	19,480,626	4.3	33,080,531	4.2	58.9	194,497,311	2.7	327,613,769	6.2	59.4
	83	18,682,619		31,752,085		58.8	189,455,689		308,511,625		61.4
NATIONALS	84	2,039,937	16.3	3,946,740	24.8	51.7	20,877,216	18.6	37,935,844	24.7	55.0
	83	1,753,963		3,163,016		55.5	17,604,880		30,420,768		57.9
TOTAL	84	21,520,563	5.3	37,027,271	6.0	58.1	215,374,527	4.0	365,549,613	7.9	58.9
	83	20,436,582		34,915,101		58.5	207,060,569		338,932,393		61.1

NOTES:

(1) CARRIERS INCLUDED: MAJORS - AMERICAN, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR AND WESTERN.

NATIONALS - AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, CAPITOL, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK, PIEDMONT AND PSA.

(2) CONTINENTAL DATA AND NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL DATA ARE NOT INCLUDED.